

Minutes of: COUNCIL

Date of Meeting: 3 June 2014

Present: The Worshipful the Mayor (Councillor M Wiseman, in the Chair)
Councillors S Briggs, D Bailey, M Bailey, N Bayley, I Bevan, J Black, P Bury, G Campbell, S Carter, R Caserta, D Cassidy, M C Connolly, A Cummings, J Daly, E Fitzgerald, L Fitzwalter, J Frith, I Gartside, J Grimshaw, D Gunther, M Hankey, S Haroon, P Heneghan, T Holt, K Hussain, T Isherwood, M James, D Jones, J Lewis, A Matthews, S Nuttall, T Pickstone, A Quinn, K Rothwell, R Shori, A Simpson, J Smith, S Smith, S Southworth, R Walker, S Walmsley, J Walton, Y Wright, R Hodgkinson, Kerrison, Mallon, O'Brien and Whitby

Apologies for Absence: Councillors N Parnell and T Tariq

Public Attendance: 11 members of the public attended Part 1 of the meeting.
150 members of the public attended Part 2 of the meeting

PART 1 OF THE MEETING

C. 8 ELECTION OF CHAIR

RESOLVED:

That the election of Chair be adjourned to Part 2 of the Proceedings.

C. 9 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

1. Councillor Connolly declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his partner is an employee of Bury Council.
2. Councillor Jones declared a personal interest in any items related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.
3. Councillor Mallon declared a personal interest in any item which related to staffing as his wife is an employee of Bury Council.

C. 10 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Council held on 2 April 2014 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Mayor.

C. 11 MAYORAL COMMUNICATIONS

The Mayor presented certificates to winners of the "Made in Bury : Council Community Awards" as follows:-

- Volunteer of the Year Award – Christine Taylor
- Outstanding contribution to a Township – Andrew Taylor
- Young Person or Young Persons' Group Outstanding Community Contribution Award – P.O.G. (Proud of Gayness)

The Mayor and Councillors expressed their congratulations to the recipients and their thanks and appreciation to volunteers across Bury who make it a good place to live, work and visit.

C. 12 ELECTION OF COUNCILLORS 2014

The Chief Executive reported the election of Councillors on 22 May 2014 as follows:-

Ward	Councillor Elected
Ramsbottom	Ian Bevan
North Manor	James Daly
Tottington	Iain Gartside
Elton	Sarah Kerrison
Moorside	Sandra Walmsley
East	Trevor Holt
Church	Susan Nuttall
Redvales	Tamoor Tariq
Unsworth	Paul Adams
Radcliffe East	Nick Parnell
Radcliffe North	Jane Lewis
Radcliffe West	Rishi Shori
Pilkington Park	John Mallon
Besses	Mary Whitby
Holyrood	Tim Pickstone
St Mary's	Eamonn O'Brien
Sedgley	Alan Quinn

C. 13 ANNUAL APPOINTMENTS

The Leader moved, and Councillor Shori seconded, that the report on the annual appointments for the 2014/15 Municipal Year be approved, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Strong Leader arrangements adopted by the Council in 2011/12, with a Cabinet of between two and nine Members be confirmed for 2014/2015.
2. That the appointment of the Political Groups' Leaders and Deputy Leaders as set out in Appendix A to this report be received.
3. That the appointment of the Cabinet, Deputy Cabinet Members and Shadow Cabinet for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix B to this report be noted.
4. That the appointment of the Regulatory Committees, Overview and Scrutiny Committees and other bodies covered by the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix C to this report, be approved.
5. That the appointments of the Audit Committee and other bodies not covered by or exempted from the Political Balance Rules, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix D to the report, be approved.
6. That the appointments to the Greater Manchester Joint Authorities for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year as set out in Appendix E to the report, be approved.
7. That the appointments to the various other internal bodies, including the appointment of Chairs, where stated, for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix F to the report, be approved.
8. That the appointments to the outside bodies for the 2014/2015 Municipal Year, as set out in Appendix G to the report, be approved.
9. That the Chief Executive, in consultation with the Leaders of the political groups on the Council, be authorised to determine any appointments to bodies which remain to be filled and any changes in appointments or any new appointments to be made during the 2014/2015 Municipal Year.

C. 14 CHANGES TO THE COUNCIL CONSTITUTION

The Leader moved, and Councillor Shori seconded, that the report on arrangements for updating the Council Constitution be approved, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That authority be delegated to the Chief Executive and the Assistant Director – Legal and Democratic Services in consultation with the Council Leader, to make

changes to the Council Constitution as a result of changes in the structure of Council services and changes in the Council's decision-making structure.

C. 15 STATE OF THE BOROUGH DEBATE

Councillor Connolly, Leader of the Council, made a statement on the State of the Borough describing the main achievements of the Council during 2013/2014 and outlining challenges facing the Council in 2014/2015 and beyond. The Mayor invited members of the public and Members of the Council to ask questions or make comments arising from the Leader's Statement.

Issues were raised as follows:-

Member	Issue
Councillor Gartside	Request for information on statutory services and policy proposals from his Group.
Councillor Gunter	Weekend car parking charges in Bury Town Centre
Councillor Hussain	Expenditure on "pot hole" repairs.
Councillor Daly	"I will if you will" scheme and potential for major schemes.
Councillor Caserta	Financial information on "I will if you will" scheme.
Councillor Shori	Achievements of Council against back drop of Government expenditure cuts.

C. 16 OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY ANNUAL REPORT 2013/2014

Councillor James moved, and Councillor Nuttall seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the Overview and Scrutiny Annual Report for 2013/2014 be received.
2. That former Councillor Michael Hankey be thanked for his efforts as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.

C. 17 TOWNSHIP FORUMS - ANNUAL REPORT

Councillor Walmsley moved, and Councillor John Smith seconded, and it was:

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the Annual Report and progress made by Township Forums over the past year be noted.

C. 18 JOINT HEALTH SCRUTINY ARRANGEMENTS AND HEALTHIER TOGETHER

The Leader moved, and Councillor Shori seconded, that the report on proposed new arrangements for the purpose of scrutinising the health service reform in Greater Manchester, and it was:

RESOLVED:

1. That the revised Terms of Reference and the renaming of the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Panel to the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee.

2. That the Greater Manchester Joint Health Scrutiny Committee for the purposes of the Healthier Together consultation be approved.

PART 2 OF THE MEETING

C. 19 ELECTION OF THE MAYOR 2014

Councillor Mallon moved that Councillor Michelle Wiseman be elected to the office of Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

Councillor Pickstone seconded the nomination.

The Worshipful the Mayor, after calling for and not receiving any other nominations, declared the nomination carried and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Michelle Wiseman be duly elected Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury for the Municipal Year 2014/2015.

The newly-elected Mayor then occupied the Chair, made and signed the Declaration required by the Local Government Act 1972 and thanked the Council for the honour conferred on her in electing her Mayor of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury.

C. 20 VOTE OF THANKS TO THE RETIRING MAYOR AND MAYORESS AND APPOINTMENT OF DEPUTY MAYOR

It was moved by Councillor Gartside, seconded by Councillor Shori and it was:

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Sharon Briggs be appointed Deputy Mayor for the Municipal Year 2014/2015 and that this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Briggs and Mrs S Rabbitt, Miss Natalie Wells and Miss Nicole Wells, for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Mayor and Mayoress of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion and performance of the important duties

attaching to their offices and that medallions be presented to them as tokens of appreciation of their services as Mayor and Mayoress.

C. 21 VOTE OF THANKS TO OUTGOING DEPUTY MAYOR AND OUTGOING DEPUTY CONSORT

It was moved by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Connolly and it was:-

RESOLVED:

That this Council hereby expresses its thanks to Councillor Joan Grimshaw and Mr Paul Grimshaw for the diligent manner in which they have undertaken the duties of Deputy Mayor and Deputy Consort of the Metropolitan Borough of Bury during the Municipal Year now ending and places on record its appreciation of their devotion to and performance of the important duties attached to their offices.

THE WORSHIPFUL THE MAYOR

(Notes: Part 1 of the meeting started at 2:00pm and ended at 3.20 pm
 Part 2 of the meeting started at 4:00pm and ended at 5:10pm)